

FISCAL NOTE

HJR 189

April 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Tennessee Forestry Commission, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, to evaluate the Southern Resource Assessment relative to forest resource issues in Tennessee and develop a report containing findings and conclusions of that evaluation. The report will recommend adjustments and/or initiatives in policies and programs of the Division of Forestry, as well as legislation, as may be appropriate to address such issues.

Requires the Forestry Commission and the Department of Agriculture to submit their findings and recommendations no later than February 1, 2005, to the Governor, as well as the Chairs of the following committees of the General Assembly: Senate commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee, Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee, House Conservation and Environment Committee and the House Agriculture Committee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes any additional cost to evaluate the Southern Forest Resource Assessment can be absorbed with existing staff and resources in the Department of Agriculture.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Davenport".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director